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**NEVADA SELECTED TO PILOT NEW INITIATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE
INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN**

(Carson City, NV) – The American Public Human Services Association, on behalf of the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), today announced that Nevada is one of six states leading the nation in streamlining placement of children across state lines. Nevada was selected to participate in a national initiative to improve efficiency in the administration of ICPC – the program that establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children. Nevada, along with the District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, South Carolina, and Wisconsin, will pilot the web-based program over the next 17 months.

The National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) system will serve and benefit children, families, public, and tribal child welfare agencies and multidisciplinary groups (medical, legal, judicial) that work to facilitate foster care and adoptive interstate placements nationwide. The ultimate goal is to decrease the length of time it takes for children to be placed safely across state lines.

“The opportunity to participate in this ground breaking and innovative pilot is very exciting,” Amber Howell, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Administrator said. “In the last five years, DCFS has made significant enhancements to our ICPC unit and continue to search for innovative ways to improve our practices, realizing that every improvement that is effective means a more timely and successful placement of a child.”

Nevada adopted ICPC in 1985 along with every state in the Nation as well as the District of Columbia and the United States Virgin Islands. ICPC members work in conjunction with each other to ensure the protections and services to children placed across state lines are consistent. Approximately 1500 children move in and out of Nevada through the ICPC process each year.

“We view every piece of paper or electronic communication received as a child waiting to find a home and take our commitment to the children, caregivers and our state partners very seriously,” Howell said. “We have witnessed firsthand the gains that can be achieved for children by maximizing our use of technology, data and streamlining processes that move children to forever families more quickly and DCFS is excited about participating in a pilot that is part of that mission.”

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